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The Clay Street Blues All Stars, left to right. Glen Haley (drums), Kris Pickhardt (piano, vocals), Doug Ehringer (bass, vocals), Matthew Swenson (guitar, vocals), and Fuzzy Roth (harp, vocals). They'll be playing at The Swamp on April 20-21, and at Stevie Ray's on May 12. Meantime, see some live performance videos by videographer Bruce Holland (Redbud305) at www.youtube.com. Search "Clay Street Blues All Stars."

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2007 IBC Winners Crowned

Mighty Lester of the Triangle Blues Society placed third, the kids from Tupelo, sponsored by the Mississippi Delta Blues Society of Indianola, the Homemade Jamz Blues Band, — ages 14, 12 and 8!!! — amazed the crowd and took second place. First Prize went to Sean Carney Band from the Columbus Blues Alliance. Sean also took the Albert King Award for best guitarist and was also the Best Dressed!!

The Solo/Duo Finals Saturday night at the New Daisy Theater were presented before--go figure--a packed house. First place went to Nathan James and Ben Hernandez, sponsored by the Blues Lovers United of San Diego. Second place was awarded to Sonny Moorman of the Cincy Blues Society. *We are Mighty Lester* was named the The Best Self Produced CD.

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KBS MONTHLY MEETING

If you are interested in reviewing new blues releases, come on out to the KBS monthly meeting (held the first Wednesday of each month at **7:00 PM** at O'Shea's Irish Pub, 956 Baxter Avenue), and take your pick! We receive promo releases from the major blues labels as well as regional and local bands. If you review a CD, it's yours to keep!

LETTER FROM THE PREZ

The Kentuckiana Blues Society will hold its first event of 2007 Saturday, March 3 at River Bend Winery. Please join us for a blues house party to benefit the society. Music will be provided by Mad Dog Rhythm & Blues Quartet, the Jim Masterson Band and River City Blues. The Winery is located at 120 South 10th street. This is on 10th street between Main and Market. The benefit starts at 7 pm and parking is available in the lot next door to the Winery. We will also be raffling off items during the course of the evening including t-shirts, CD's, photographs and more. KBS would like to thank WFPK 91.9 FM radio and ear x-tacy for their donations to the benefit. Come out and show your support for the Kentuckiana Blues Society.

A CD release party for Foree Wells' *It's A New Day Brother!* will be held Sunday, April 22 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm at Alumni's Hopps, 800 W. Market Street. Wells, who passed away in 1997, was a KBS founding member and a past recipient of the Sylvester Weaver award. The Last Minute Blues Band featuring Sonny Sitgraves, James Watkins and Matt Swenson and The Walnut Street Blues Band, Foree's former band, will perform that evening. Copies of *It's A New Day Brother!* will be available for \$13. If you wish to purchase your copy of the album before then, go to ear X-tacy at 1534 Bardstown Road or order online at www.earx-tacy.com.

In September of 2006, several blues shows were held at the Grand Theater in Frankfort, KY. These performances helped raise funds to renovate the Grand and create a multi purpose visual and performing arts facility in the capital city. These live performances are now available in a CD entitled *The Best of Paint the Grand Blue*. All proceeds from the sale of the CD go to the Grand Theater renovation. This is an excellent album featuring several regional blues artists including da Mudcats, Harmonica Red & the New Heard, Louisville Blues and River City Blues. The two disk set is available at ear X-tacy. For more information visit their website at www.savethegrand.org.

There are several upcoming events worth noting in the month of March. British blues and R&B singer James Hunter will be at Headliners Music Hall, 1386 Lexington Road on March 21. Additional information on Hunter can be found on his website at www.jameshuntermusic.com. A Watermelon Slim CD release party will be held at Phoenix Hill Tavern, 644 Baxter Avenue on March 23. You can find his website at www.watermelonslim.com. On Saturday March 24 the Habitat for Humanity (HFH) of Metro Louisville will hold a memorial fundraiser in honor of Patrick Smith. Smith, a member of the HFH International board of directors, was one of the 49 people lost last August 27 in the crash of Comair Flight 5191. The event will be held at the Elks Club 907 Ormsby Lane from 6:30 pm to 1:00 am. Lamont Gillispie and the 100 Proof Blues Band will provide music for most of the evening. More information can be found on the HFH website at www.hfhlouisville.org.

Gary

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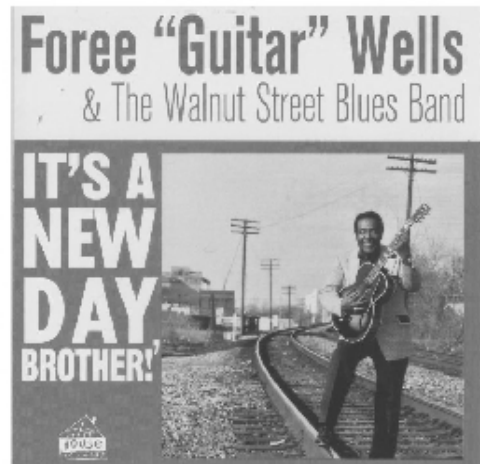
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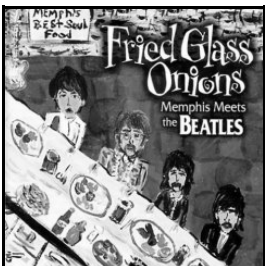
Charles Brown
Trouble Blues
St. Clair Records

Charles Brown's *Trouble Blues* is another in the series *Genius of Blues* from the St. Clair Entertainment Group. Brown produced silky smooth West Coast blues recordings in the 1940s and 1950s and was classically trained in piano. Established fans of his music will not find anything new here but if you want to pick up your first Brown CD, this would suffice. It contains some of the best cuts from his career including "Driftin' Blues," "Big Legged Woman" and "Counting My Tears."



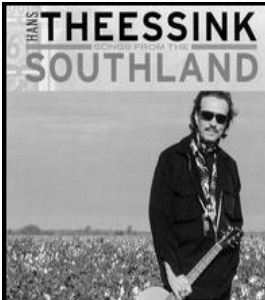
Elam McKnight & Keith Carter
The Last Country Store

This CD has spent a lot of time lately in the player of my car. It's a back-to-basics, *sittin' in the front yard in an easy chair* blues album. There is something about McKnight and Carter that remind me of the early Stones around the time of *Beggars Banquet* and *Flowers*. Even though this is their first album together, McKnight's strong picking melds smoothly with Carter's low-key harp playing. Most of the songs are original and I especially enjoy Elam McKnight's southern-tinged vocals. Some tracks worth mentioning are "Leaving Five Points," "Mama Killed a Chicken" and "Ain't Gonna Plow No More." If I could only recommend one CD to buy out of this list, this would be the one.



Fried Glass Onions
Memphis Meets the Beatles Vol. 1 and 2
Inside Sounds

You might consider it an ill-conceived notion to record an album that attempts to have soul blues artists re-make many of the Beatles best known songs. And you would be right! While there are a few listenable tunes on Volume 1 of *Memphis Meets the Beatles* including "Two of Us" by Bob Simon and Eddie Harrison and "Get Back" by Daddy Mack Orr this idea just doesn't make it. And Volume 2 is totally unnecessary. I mean come on. Do we really need a soul version of "Martha My Dear?" What's next? Your favorite Delta blues artists doing their renditions of the Slim Whitman collection?



Hans Theessink
Songs from the Southland
Minor Music

It's funny to think about a guy from Holland doing songs from the South. But make no mistake about the abilities of Hans Theesink. He is a bluesman and possesses a deep, haunting voice. His guitar playing is extremely clean and the music on this album has a slight gospel bent to it. I particularly like his versions of "St. James Infirmary," "A Hundred and Ten in the Shade" and "Hard Time Killing Floor." Theesink gives a nod of appreciation to the masters he learned these songs from, including Mississippi John Hurt, Leadbelly and Fred McDowell. He even dedicated the album to music historian Alan Lomax.

I'm a little behind in my album reviews so in this article you get a 4-for-1 special.

Gary Sampson



Gonstermachers
Self Titled

This group is from upstate New York where they have a following if you believe their website. These guys are out of a different mold. Their music is a bit avant-garde and as they admit doesn't fit any particular category of music. To give you an idea of their style of music here is what they play: Hymie Witthoft plays drums, tambour, gongs and does some vocals. Richard Curry plays washtub-bass, percussion and vocals. Leo Crandall plays cello, guitar, ukulele, and vocals. Curtis Waterman plays harmonica, percussion, block flute and vocals. Their website admits that they play several uncommon instruments up to small logs. Even though a couple of these songs are standards (*St. James Infirmary* for instance), most are originals. The inclusion of "Danse Les Negres" is a song I would have advised them not to put on this CD. They claim that

their background is blues, roots and traditional music. There are lyrics printed on the inside cover. An example of a lyric from one song goes as follows:

"My sister is not a dollar
I am not a man
She's not a dollar
And I will do what I can."

Deep. All in all, there are some shining moments of music here, mostly in Waterman's harp playing. The CD is interesting, but I would not buy it.

Bob Brown

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<p>25 Bearno's Bardstown Rd. - Blues-n-Jazz Jam 9:00 n/c Vito's Place - Blues Jam 6:00 - 9:00 PM - \$1</p>	<p>26 KV Theatre Lexington - The Holmes Brothers (Woodsongs Old Time Radio Series) 6:45 - 8:15 Call 559-252-8888 for reservations</p>	<p>27 Jockamo's Pizza Pub - Pat Barnes Band 8:30-11:30 n/c Longshot Tavern - Blues Jam 9:30 n/c</p>	<p>28 Lisa's - Blues Jam 9:30 \$2 Stevie Ray's - Bob Annonymous, Teneia Sanders, Andrea Davidson, and Robbie Cox 9:30 \$5 Wicks Pizza Dixie Hwy - Blues Jam 8-11 n/c Zena's - Open Stage with Mark "Big Peppa" Stampley</p>	<p>1-Mar River Band Winery - Odean A. Mays, Jr - n/c Stevie Ray's - Bryan Lee 9:00 \$5 Zena's - Mississippi Adam Riggle 10:30 n/c</p>	<p>2 Jeff Ruby's - Robbie Bartlett 9:30 - 1:00 Jim Porter's - Rick Bartlett's Rock'n Soul Revival River Band Winery - Joe Debow 9:00 n/c Stevie Ray's - Big Black Cadillac 7:30 Frank Bang's Secret Stash 10:30 - \$5 Uncle Pleasants - Greg Foreman & Hellfish \$5 Wick's Goose Creek - da Mudcats 8-11 n/c Zena's - Don Harris R&B Band 10:30 \$5</p>	<p>3 Air Devils Inn. - Blonde Johnson Jeff Ruby's - Robbie Bartlett 9:30 - 1:00 Jim Porter's - Rick Bartlett's Rock'n Soul Revival River Band Winery - KBS BENNETT HOUSE PARTY - 7:00 - 11:00 \$5 Stevie Ray's - Big Black Cadillac 7:30 Frank Bang's Secret Stash 10:30 - \$5 Zena's - The Funulators 10:30 \$5</p>
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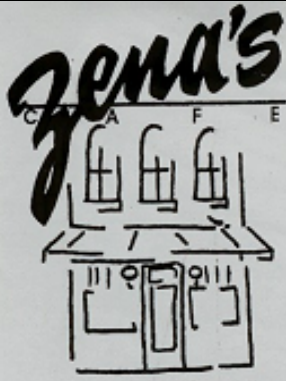
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